organised racket, as mentioned in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Performance audit of Passport, Visa and Consular Services covering the period 2000-01 to 2004-05, 18 cases have come to its notice, where Indian passports were issued by Passport Offices on the basis of forged documents to the nationals of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

(c) The Ministry has not come across any such incident.

(d) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in his report has observed certain deficiencies and has made recommendations to improve the performance of Passport, Visa and Consular services.

(e) and (f) The Government have been taking action against errant officials by sanctioning prosecution by the concerned agencies or through disciplinary proceedings, as required. The Government have also been taking a number of corrective measures to check malpractices and deficiencies in Passport Offices, such as regular and surprise inspections including vigilance inspections of Passport Offices, strengthening of vigilance mechanism in the Central Passport Organisation and ensuring greater accountability in the working of Passport Offices. The Government have also initiated steps to introduce biometric passports.

Indian Doctors in Britain

2529. SHRI P.R.RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaints raised by Indian Doctors in Britain that they are victims of racist mind set; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any diplomatic measures to raise this issue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) Government of India have taken up this issue with concerned UK authorities. The UK General Medical Council (GMC) is examining allegations of prevalence of racism in the work place. GMC has agreed to establish a permanent mechanism with all stakeholders, including British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), to deliberate on such important issues related to doctors, the report of which could be published as an annual review to make the system more transparent, open and fair to all doctors.

Urban infrastructure, poverty alleviation and housing projects

2530. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some projects relating to urban infrastructure, poverty alleviation and housing sector are being implemented in various States including Maharashtra with foreign assistance;

(b) if so, the details of the foreign assistance received by the States during each of the last two years and the details of the projects for which the said assistance was utilized;

(c) whether some more projects are likely to be implemented in the States with foreign assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The donor-wise, State-wise (including Maharashtra) and Loan wise details of Utilization of foreign assistance for Urban Development projects during the last two year are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The projects in urban infrastructure, poverty alleviation and housing sector for foreign assistance are posed by the State Governments to Department of Economic Affairs in Ministry of Finance, which is the Nodal Ministry for such foreign assistance projects. The projects are cleared/approved for assistance as per norms after following due procedure of consultation with concerned Ministry/ Departments as well as the Donor agencies.

Statement

The doner-wise, State-wise and Loan-wise details of utilization of foreign assistance for Urban Development projects during last two years

Sector-Urban Development

Sl. No.	Donor/Agency	State	Name of the Project	Amount in Lakhs	
				2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	ADB	Gujarat	1826-IND-Earthquake Rehabilitation and reconstruction	39519.60	7378.69
2	ADB	Jammu and Kashmir	2151-IND-Infrstruct Rehabilitation Project	1162.84	3113.25
3	ADB	Karnataka	1704-IND-Karnataka Urban Development and Coastal Environment Management	13394.67	9403.61
.4	ADB	Madhya Pradesh	2046-IND-Urban water supply and Environment Improvement in M.P.	227.56	2070.31
5	ADB	Rajasthan	1647-IND-Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development Project	18772.15	385.17

1	2	3	4	5	6
6	ADB	West Bengal	1813-IND-Calcutta Environmental Improvement Project	4790.66	8954.78
7	IBRD	Delhi	P-364-0-1N Delhi Water supply and Sanitation Project	96.85	0.00
8	IBRD	Maharashtra	4665-IN-Mumbai Urban Transport Project	27868.02	11167.50
9	GOFR France	Karnataka	FRGL-4501-E Digital mapping information Systems for Bangalore	344.87	53.08
10	GOFR France	Manipur	FRGL-430 1-E-Imphal Sewarage Project	485.37	0.00
11	GOFR France	Tamil Nadu	FRGL-4014-E-Chennai Water Supply and Sewerage	1405.91	326.17
12	GOJP-Japan	CC Central Government	IDP-121-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System	0.00	19.95
13	GOJP-Japan	CC Central Government	IDP-141-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (III)	1064.64	274.65
14	GOJP-Japan	CC Central Government	IDP-145-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (IV)	6191.12	847.85
15	GOJP-Japan	CC Central Government	IDP-151-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (V)	74731.27	18669.89
16	GOJP-Japan	CC Central Government	IDP-159-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (VI)	38637.07	24671.88
17	GOJP-Japan	CC Central Government	IDP-170-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Phase-2	0.00	16303.70
18	IDA	Maharashtra	3662-IN-Mumbai Urban Transport Project	4470.99	1605.94
19	IDA	Mizoram	3618-IN-Mizoram State Roads Project	4429.52	5278.41
20	GOUK United Kingdom	Andhra Pradesh	UKGG-017-Andhra Pradesh Urban Services Improvement for poor	9695.75	11642.87

1	2	3	4	5	6
21	GOUK United Kingdom	West Bengal	UKGG-047-Calcutta Urban Services Improvement for poor Programme	4721.37	6305.79
22	UNDP	CC Central Government	00044242-Capacity Building for Decetralized Urban Governance	0.00	212.55
23	UNDP	CC Central Government	IND/03/033-National Strategy for Urban Poor	912.78	856.04
24	ADB	MS Multistates	2166-IND-Tsunami Emergency Assistance (Sector) Project	198.88	1506.71
25	IBRD	Gujarat	P-4250-Gujarat Urban Development Project.	0.00	79.08
26	IBRD	Karnataka	4818-IN-Karnataka Municipal Reforms Project	193.49	7883.46
27	IBRD	Tamil Nadu	4798-IN-Third Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project	7454.43	9716.36
28	ADB	MS Multistates	0005-IND-Asian Tsunami Fund Grant	104.99	10692.24
			GRAND TOTAL:	260874.80	159419.93

ADB	Asian Development Bank
IBRD	International Bank of Reconstruction and Development
GOFR	Government of France
GOUK	Government of United Kingdom
UNDP	United National Development Programme
GOJP	Governtment of Japan

Subsidies and interest free housing loan to urban poor

2531. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people especially poor and middle class family were deprived of having their own homes due to hike in interest rates for housing loan;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering any scheme for providing subsidies and interest free housing loan to urban poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?